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Applicant: Ballantino et al.

Examiner: Tsai, H Jcy

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**For: INCREASING AN ELECTRICAL RESISTANCE OF A RESISTOR BY OXIDATION  
OR NITRIDIZATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**SPECIES RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This communication responds to the Restriction mailed September 1, 2004 and includes a preliminary amendment.

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Remarks

Prompt und favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner believe anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would be advantageous to resolve the issues presented, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,

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